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Tropical Storm Rafael churns toward Bermuda

Officials in Bermuda yesterday warned residents to prepare as Tropical Storm Rafael neared hurricane strength in the central Atlantic.

The island's top emergency official said residents and tourists should see strong winds and rough seas as the storm approaches today. Still, he expressed confidence that the impact would be minimal.

"We are expecting the worst of the storm to pass to our east, and it will therefore be business as usual tomorrow," Wayne Perinchief, chairman of Bermuda's Emergency Measures Organization, said yesterday.

day.

Forecasters said the island might see 2 to 4 inches of rain from the storm.

Also newly formed Tropical Storm Paul has begun to strengthen in the eastern Pacific, well southwest of Mexico's Baja California peninsula.

The storm has top sustained winds of 50 mph (85 kph), up from 40 mph (64 kph) only hours earlier. Forecasters say the tropical storm is moving westward at 13 mph (20 kph) and is expected to become a hurricane by late Sunday.

No coastal watches or warnings are in effect.

Top ranking Florida business director to speak in Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- Last year's "Small Business Week" was a smashing success with over 500 registered participants! This year a similar week is being held from November 12th to 16th as was announced this past week by Minister of Economics and Social Affairs, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar. This year again, the Ministry of Economics is offering a very interesting program.

Entrance to the sessions will be gratis in an effort to assist small and medium size entrepreneurs.

Aruba is currently in the process of establishing formal collaborations between IDEA and the Florida Small Business Development Center Network (SBDC). And, they are pleased to announce that one of the speakers for this year's Small Business Week is the "State Director" of SBDC, Mr. Jerry Cartwright.

Not long ago an employee of Aruba's IDEA went for training at SBDC and soon an agreement with IDEA and the Florida concern will be signed.

Florida Small Business Development Center Network is one of eight original pilot projects in the USA and the only provider of technical assistance for economic development and small business operating in the entire state.

Jerry Cartwright has 31 years of experience with SBDC. He has worked as "State Director" in Minnesota for 7 years and now for 21 years in Florida. The SBDC's primary office is in Florida located in the University of West Florida, Pensacola. They have 39 centers in different Universities and Colleges, Business Chambers and local organizations for the economic development of the entire state of Florida.

Under Cartwright's leadership, SBDC of Florida has become the primary organization for all assistance and promotion, as well as which



helps determine legislation for small businesses in Florida.

The success of Jerry Cartwright and the Network helped with the development of programs for small businesses in Japan, Mexico, Costa Rica, Dutch Antilles and Aruba. The list of accomplishments of the Florida SBDC is very long and has helped many countries establish an affiliation with the Florida SBDC. One example is Curaçao in 2001 (SEDECK).

Jerry Cartwright has been recognized by the "Who's Who Worldwide" as a Global Business Leader and has occupied different leadership positions in Florida and with organizations for economic

development, international exportation/importation. He is member of the board of the governor of SEDECK and a member of the Enterprise Florida Stakeholders Council since its inception. Cartwright holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree of Arts in Education from the University of Northern Colorado.

The Aruba Business Week is again counting on the sponsorship of Aruba Bank as Platinum Sponsor for this year's conference. The Freezone will be a gold sponsor and SETAR N.V. as Silver Sponsor, with AIB Bank rendering their very special support, as well as Fatum, for this year's Small Business Week 2012.



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Fundraising for Casa Cuna and Imeldahoff tonight

Community involvement by the students of Aurias Medical School



Students from Aurias Medical School

ORANJESTAD -- One of Aruba's two medical schools, Aurias, the former All Saints, has a number of students who have very much enjoyed their educational experience on Aruba, and taken the time to get involved with the community.

Alex, Raveen, Caran, and Eden were joined by teachers and their adopted cunucu dog Dushi, in volunteering to insure the Brandweer 2012 Run/Walk a success. "We love Aruba and are happy to donate our time," they told a Morning News reporter.

The community minded group continues their efforts this evening with a fundraising basketball game against a team from Aruba's other medical

school, Xavier University School of Medicine, XUSOM.

Teams will square off on the court at Frans Figaroa Stadium in Noord at 8:00 PM. Entrance to the game is 5 Aruban florins, (\$2.85.) All proceeds from the gate and the sale of snacks and refreshments will be donate to Casa Cuna Progreso, a home for children ages infant to seven years old, and to the Imeldahoff Center, a refuge for children seven years through teens.

This worthwhile endeavor should be a fun evening for sports fans, and Aurias students hope Arubans will support their efforts to assist these worthwhile foundations. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

"Paradise and Desert" by Belinda de Veer opens at the UNOCA Gallery



An arresting new collection of works by noted island artist Belinda de Veer, was officially opened at UNOCA headquarters in Oranjestad on Saturday evening, October 13. Aruba's Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar performed the honors, personally. This is the artist's first solo show since 2006, and she again bares her soul on canvas with "Paradise and Desert."

A native born Aruban, Belinda studied and lived in the U.S. for seven years before returning to her homeland. She has participated in more than a dozen group exhibitions and had four solo shows since 2004. Her current exposition consists of seventeen new paintings and an installation filling one room of the exhibit hall. They display her idiosyncratic and identifiable technique with acrylic on canvas, but demonstrate she is experimenting and expanding.

According to Dr. Marie-



Belinda with Minister Hooyboer

Therese Richard Hernandez, Doctor of Arts and Professor Researcher at the Sorbonne in Paris, "The recent paintings of Belinda de Veer are not intended for the moderate decoration of cozy interiors. Too powerful to please, too intense to seduce, they meet and join those artworks that question, confuse and therefore disturb; for that reason they form part of those works that Baudelaire named the "Light-

houses," because they pinpoint time and mark the history of man on this earth."

The works on display at UNOCA have that same emotional investment typical to Belinda's work, which elicits self-examination and similar investment from the viewer.

They are highly visceral, affecting an immediate reaction and discussion from her audience.

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UNOCA is an organization dedicated to supporting island artists in all cultural endeavors, funding projects in the visual, literary and performing arts. The opening night was staged by Curators on the Go Michiko Takatsu and Eduardo Valbuena. The collection will be on display for one month at the UNOCA offices at Stadionweg 21 in Oranjestad. Open hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until noon and from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. For more information on UNOCA visit their website: <http://www.unocaruba.org>

Dennis Martinez shares his commitment with Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba Tourism Authority continues their awareness campaign with their focus on various local personalities on the island. This time their focus is on Dennis Martinez of Aruba Surf and Paddle School. Dennis Martinez is proud to announce that he has been employed in the tourism industry for the past 20 years. At the early age of 16, he began his career at the Divi Winds, and after doing different types of jobs, he decided to open his own business doing what he likes most.

Aruba Surf and Paddle School reflects what is the passion of Dennis' life. He began surfing at the age of 11 years. He has competed internationally and loves his sport. Dennis recounts that he is committed by heart. He says...“I love working with people, I can deal with all types of people. At the end of the day I can go home satisfied and I am sure that my clients also go away satisfied. That is my commitment.”

Dennis believes in offering an experience that will be



worth the client's time, giving value to the client for his money. He says,“It is vital to learn to treat people well and to learn how to work in the tourism business.” He is especially pleased when he sees how his tourist customers find relief from their stress

after one of his classes on surfing.

With his characteristic smile Dennis Martinez offers a unique brand of service to both locals and tourists. He is happy with his small business where he can assure everyone the highest quality service for

his Aruba Surf and Paddle School.

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For more information visit: www.flora.aw

Cousteau joins campaign to have Morgan the orca freed

The son of the world's most famous marine biologist, Jacques Cousteau, is campaigning to have 'Dutch' orca Morgan released back into the wild.

On November 1, Amsterdam district court will hear an appeal against the ruling trans-

ferring Morgan, found in the Wadden Sea in a severely weakened state in 2010, to a Spanish amusement park. Morgan has been at the Loro Parque on Tenerife since late 2011.

'We need to put Morgan back in the ocean,' Jean-

Michel Cousteau said at the screening of a film about his father. 'We need to get off our ass and campaign as far as we can with as many people as we can to convince the judges.'

Cousteau said he would also be at the Amsterdam court hearing in November.

The Casino at the Radisson is buzzing with Mystery Jackpot winners



PALM BEACH – The Mystery Jackpots at the Casino at the Radisson continue to delight and surprise visitors, who, without having landed any winning combinations, find themselves winning surprise jackpots at the moment that they least expect it.

From the moment that The Casino introduced its Mystery Jackpots, hundreds of visitors, consisting of locals as well as tourists, have delighted in the moment that they received their cash prize from the casino's representatives.

Hostess Emily Croes always enjoys the opportunity

to take a souvenir picture along with the winners, as well as listen to their comments, showing their appreciation for the unexpected prizes, having won them after they played their favorite slots with their Winners' Circle card inserted in the machines.

Get your Winners' Circle today and start enjoying rewards when you earn points playing table games and slot machines. At The Casino, the Mystery Jackpots, along with daily promotions, free bingo, high stakes bingo, raffles and a very active poker room ensure that everyone walks out a winner.

First trees planted for Down Town Decorations

ORANJESTAD -- Early Friday morning, the process for planting trees in the Down Town area was begun by Fantastic Gardens. This is the beginning of the beautification of the area. After a long process, the Fantastic Gardens won the bid for this project.

The government is pushing hard and relentlessly to complete the entire project by the 15th of December this year. By this date, they want to have all the trees planted, the different fountains built and seating areas installed as well as to have the streetcars in operation.

According to Frank Geerman, director of Fantastic Gardens, the contract entails that plants must be planted from the top to the bottom of the length of the main street. Three types of plants were chosen especially for Aruba's hot climate. On Friday they began planting the Phoenix Silvester palms shipped in from Miami.

On Saturday/ Sunday they planted 11 of these palms. In all, they will plant 24 Phoenix Silvester Palms, and then 12 other types will be planted. They will also be planting "Shady Lady Olive Trees."

In addition to trees, there will be the installation of benches, covered areas, fountains, speakers for music, and much more. The government wants a total change to take place in our Down Town area to attract visitors to the center of Oranjestad and name brand shops and stores.

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Laid-off US, French workers protest against Bain Capital

NEW YORK (AFP) - US and French workers blaming Bain Capital, the company founded by Mitt Romney, for stripping them of their jobs and outsourcing to China protested yesterday outside Bain's offices in New York.

About 60 people, led by a man in a monster suit depicting Bain Capital, accused the Republican presidential candidate's former company of costing them their livelihoods.

"Romney wants to see your jobs shipped overseas," read one of the placards held up at

the protest.

Some of the demonstrators were from Sensata Technologies, a Freeport, Illinois plant owned by Bain that makes electronics for cars and which is losing all its 170 jobs to China. Others used to work for US luggage giant Samsonite at a factory in northern France, which Bain briefly owned.

Mary-Jo Kerr, 29, said she'd been working at Sensata for six years and would be unemployed from November -- as soon as she and other colleagues have finished training

the mostly Chinese workers who will take their place.

She and other American Sensata employees, including people who worked at the plant for decades, are being given 26 weeks severance pay, she said.

A lawyer representing the ex-Samsonite workers said they were suing Bain Capital in a Boston court over its actions in France, where the investment firm allegedly deliberately ran the business into the ground so that the plant could be shut down.


"They understand in fact

that the group taking the decisions was not the people on the board of Samsonite but the people at Bain Capital here in the United States," Fiodor Rilov said. "In the lawsuit they want to show that Bain Capital was involved in an illegal process in France."

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, retired from Bain in 1999 and his investments there are controlled by a blind trust, effectively nullifying his links to the firm. Romney has defended himself against accusations that he was



a corporate raider, saying that Bain has created large numbers of jobs.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Colombia rebels warn of unexpected delays to talks

BOGOTA (AFP) - The leader of Colombia's FARC rebels warned yesterday that "unexpected delays" are threatening the planned start of landmark peace talks with the government in Oslo this week.

News of the possible hold-up came shortly after a bomb attack Sunday on a bridge in northwest Colombia that killed a farmer and his three-year-old son, which the army blamed on the rebels -- underlining the urgency of the talks.

In a television interview, FARC leader Timoleon Jimenez blamed the delay on problems in getting arrest warrants for rebels suspended and with travel arrangements for chief negotiator Ivan Marquez, the rebels' number two.

Asked if Marquez had been able to get to Cuba, from which the rebel side was supposed to leave as a group for Norway, Jimenez said logistical and weather problems had delayed him, without saying if he was now in Cuba.

Regardless, Jimenez stressed, "we are going to get to Oslo, or to wherever the dialogue launch may take place, knowing that we are taking a step forward and a bigger stride toward dialogue."

"The dialogue, aimed at reconciliation among Colombians, is already a reality," Jimenez, also known as Timochenko, said in a video response to questions from reporters.

"Rather than speculate, we

prefer to believe the paperwork for the suspension of arrest warrants has run into unexpected delays," Jimenez added.

The Colombian government negotiating delegation had not set off for Oslo either, although a member of the party told AFP that their departure had been put off because of fierce storms over Bogota airport.

Former vice president Humberto de la Calle is to lead the government party.

Norwegian officials did not comment on fears of a delay, adding that a planned news conference in Oslo for members of both delegations was still expected to go ahead.

Jimenez said the rebels had accepted a start date of October 17 for the Oslo round of the negotiations, presuming that logistical concerns would have been addressed by then.

"We trust that that will be the case," he stressed.

Colombian press reports suggested that the FARC's departure had also been delayed by the group's bid to add a Dutch guerrilla, 34-year-old Tanja Nijmeijer, to their delegation for the talks.

The Dutch national is alleged to have joined the FARC in the past decade during her studies in Colombia and has been accused of taking part in 2003 in the kidnap of three US citizens working for a security firm.

The American hostages were released five years later in a military operation that also

freed Franco-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt.

According to Spanish language media and quoted by the Dutch press, Tanja Nijmeijer was added to the negotiating team at the last minute because of her language skills, a decision which has delayed the start of the talks.

In 2010 the US issued arrest warrants for Nijmeijer and 17 other FARC members in connection with the deaths and kidnapping of Americans and a Colombian.

Nijmeijer, who graduated in Spanish from Groningen University in 2002, hit the headlines in 2007 when her diaries were found after government troops attacked a rebel camp. In the diaries, she was very critical of her life with the FARC movement.

The talks have been shrouded in secrecy after three previous failed attempts to end the half-century conflict that has left thousands of people dead.

Founded in 1964, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia is Latin America's largest rebel group with an estimated 9,200 armed fighters operating across a wide area of Colombia's mountainous and forested terrain.

Both the rebels and some of the right-wing paramilitaries that opposed them have been accused of drawing funding from the drugs trade, and FARC is among the Colombian groups that have resorted to hostage-taking.

Syria denies use of cluster bombs

DAMASCUS (AFP) - The Syrian army yesterday denied using cluster munitions and said it did not possess the weapon in its arsenal, in a statement published by state news agency SANA.

"Some news outlets that are complicit in the bloodletting in Syria have been publishing false reports that the Syrian army has been using cluster bombs against armed terrorists," it said, adding the military "does not have this kind of weapon."

Human Rights Watch on Sunday accused the Syrian air force of using cluster bombs against rebels and in populated areas across the strife-torn country.

"The Syrian army does not possess this kind of bomb," the

army insisted yesterday. "Such reports are baseless and a part of a disinformation campaign."

Syria has not ratified a convention banning cluster bombs that has been adopted by 109 countries since 2008.

"Syria's disregard for its civilian population is all too evident in its air campaign, which now apparently includes dropping these deadly cluster bombs into populated areas," said Steve Goose, arms director at the New York-based HRW.

"Cluster bombs have been comprehensively banned by most nations, and Syria should immediately stop all use of these indiscriminate weapons that continue to kill and maim for years," he said in a statement Sunday.

Cambodia's revered ex-king Sihanouk dies in Beijing

PHNOM PENH (AFP) - Cambodia's revered ex-king Norodom Sihanouk, whose life encompassed turbulent years of rule, exile and war including the Khmer Rouge reign of terror, died yesterday in China, sparking nationwide mourning.

Sihanouk, who had been a frequent visitor to Beijing where he received most of his medical treatment, died of a

heart attack aged 89, according to his longtime personal assistant Prince Sisowath Thomico.

Condolence messages poured in from around the world including from China, Japan, former colonial power France and North Korea, whose leader Kim Jong-Un praised Sihanouk's "unprecedented" friendship with his country.

Talks to end South Africa gold strike hit deadlock

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Efforts to end a rash of gold mine strikes that have strangled South African production ran into deadlock yesterday with no further talks planned, leaving tens of thousands of workers facing the threat of dismissal.

Mine owners and union officials reported that last-gasp talks to end weeks of rolling wildcat strikes had failed, after

rank-and-file workers rejected a wage deal reached by negotiators and no further proposal was forthcoming.

After the talks broke down, employer group the Chamber of Mines declared that "it is not in a position to make any further proposals," leaving it up to individual companies to find their own way out of a crisis that has seen tens of thousands of workers illegally down tools.

Splashing through floodwaters in Venice



Tourists wear plastic bags to protect their shoes as they cross a flooded St Mark's Square in Venice on Oct. 15, during the first "acqua alta" of the season. The periodic flooding known as "acqua alta," or "high water," is caused by seasonal high tides. (AFP)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

French minister says 100 mln euros drug money laundered

SAINT-CYR-AU-MONT-D'OR (AFP) - A Franco-Swiss drugs and money laundering racket smashed last week had legitimised at least 100 million euros, French Interior Minister Manuel Valls said yesterday.

"Several tons of cannabis have been recovered and they account for about 40 million euros," Valls told reporters, referring to busts last week that saw 17 parallel arrests with a deputy mayor of a Paris district, Florence Lamblin of the Green Party, among those charged in the case.

Valls said the laundering scheme was "linked to the drug smuggling racket and was easily estimated at 100 million euros (\$129 million)."

The main Swiss suspect in the case, has been arrested and his brother, a wealth manager with the HSBC Geneva bank, has also been detained.

A raid on the Geneva home of one of the brothers led to the

discovery of 800,000 euros in cash, and 160 watches and jewels worth an estimated two million euros in a hidden safe, Swiss newspaper Le Temps had reported.

The main suspect's lawyer Stickel-Circurel told Le Temps Monday that her client had knowingly helped tax evaders, "but he had no idea where the money came from."

A third person, a woman working for the main suspect, was also arrested along with the two brothers last Wednesday. She has been set free but must remain available for questioning.

Those arrested and released were freed on bail of between 80,000 and one million euros, a judiciary source said.

A source close to the case said police had found several million euros in cash and goods during the searches of suspects homes and safe deposit in both countries.

Scotland secures terms for 2014 independence vote

EDINBURGH (AFP) - Britain's prime minister and Scotland's first minister signed an agreement yesterday to hold a referendum in 2014 on Scottish independence that could lead to the United Kingdom breaking up after 300 years.

Prime Minister David Cameron and pro-independence First Minister Alex Salmond inked the agreement and shook hands in cold autumn sunlight after a meeting at the Scottish government building, St Andrews House, in Edinburgh.

Cameron strongly opposes a Scottish breakaway, and the signing of the terms for the vote fires the starting gun on two years of campaigning which puts the leaders on opposing sides.

After months of negotiations, the deal clears the way for Scotland's administration to hold the vote in the last quarter of 2014, offering Scots a straight yes-no question on leaving the United Kingdom.

Securing the vote was a victory for veteran politician

Salmond, who has spent his political career backing the idea of an independent Scotland, but he faces an uphill battle to bring a majority of Scots around to his view.

He told reporters after the signing: "I'm delighted to say that the Edinburgh agreement... paves the way for the most important decision Scotland has made in several hundred years."

"I believe that independence will win this campaign. I believe we'll win it by setting out a better future for our country," he said.

His Scottish National Party (SNP), the majority party in Edinburgh's devolved parliament, must fight against a "no" campaign from all three big parties in the British parliament: Cameron's Conservatives, the Liberal Democrats and Labour.

Cameron said: "This is an important day for our United

Kingdom, but you can't hold a country in the United Kingdom against the will of its people."

"Scotland voted for a party that wanted to hold a referendum. I believe in showing respect. This is the right outcome for Scotland and for the United Kingdom to give the people the choice."

"But I passionately hope and believe that they will vote to keep the United Kingdom together. We are better off together, we are stronger together, we are safer together."

A survey by pollsters TNS-BMRB released last week showed 28 percent of Scots in favour and 53 percent opposed, while other polls have shown similar results.

But Salmond urged pundits not to write him off too soon, citing his party's surprise election victory in May 2011, which gave it a parliamentary majority and opened the door for the referendum.

EU bans import of Iranian gas to European countries



Nouri Petrochemical facilities of the South Pars gas field in the southern Iranian port of Assaluyeh. (AFP)

LUXEMBOURG -- German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said the EU is banning the import of Iranian natural gas into union nations. The announcement came as EU governments agreed to one of the toughest sets of sanctions yet on Iran's nuclear program.

The sanctions also include a ban on financial transactions between European and Iranian banks, with some exceptions for those involving humanitarian aid, food, and medicine purchases.

The decision was made during yesterday's meeting of EU foreign ministers in Luxembourg.



This handout photograph released Monday by Pakistan's Inter Services Public Relations shows an army medical team transporting child activist Malala Yousufzai. Pakistan airlifted the 14-year-old activist who was shot and seriously wounded by the Taliban to the United Kingdom for treatment yesterday, a move that will give her access to the specialized medical care she needs to recover and also protect her from follow-up attacks threatened by the militants. (AFP)

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Maltese Catholic Church offers therapy for abuse victims

VALLETTA (AFP) - Malta's Catholic Church on Monday offered therapy to child victims of predator priests in the European Union's smallest member state.

The Maltese Curia said it would provide the services of a psychologist, a psychiatrist and a social worker to child victims following rulings by lay courts or Church investigations in Malta, where abuse allegations surfaced in 2003.

"The (Church) board will evaluate and determine the necessary therapeutic help that victims may require and refer them for this help, with all costs borne by the ecclesiastical authorities," the Curia said in a statement.

In a related development, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Charles Scicluna, a top Vatican prosecutor who has led investigations over the past decade into thousands of abuse scandals that have rocked the Catholic Church, as auxiliary bishop in Malta this month.

"I said I obey and that I would do it gladly," Scicluna, a Maltese native, said in an interview with the Times of Malta published Sunday.

Asked about reports that he was transferred because he was too "aggressive", he said: "I wouldn't call what I did in the past 10 years aggressive."

"I was very clear on what my job meant, and I was also clear on what Church policy was. I did not make this policy; this policy is in Church law," he said.

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HEALTH & LIVING

HPV vaccine won't make girls promiscuous: study



Shots that protect against cervical cancer do not make girls promiscuous, according to the first study to compare medical records for vaccinated and unvaccinated girls. The researchers didn't ask girls about having sex, but instead looked at "markers" of sexual activity after vaccination against the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus, or HPV. Specifically, they examined up to three years of records on whether girls had sought birth control advice; tests for sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy; or had become pregnant.

Very few of the girls who got the shots at age 11 or 12 had done any of those over the next three years, or by the time they were 14 or 15. Moreover, the study found no difference in rates of those markers compared with unvaccinated girls.

The study involved nearly 1,400 girls enrolled in a

Kaiser Permanente health plan in Atlanta. Results were published online Monday in Pediatrics.

Whether vaccination has any influence on similar markers of sexual activity in older teens wasn't examined in this study, but other research has suggested it doesn't.

The study is the first to use medical outcomes data to examine consequences of HPV vaccination and the results are "comforting and reassuring," said lead author Robert Bednarczyk, a researcher at Kaiser and Emory University. Both institutions paid for the study.

HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer and also has been linked with anal and oral cancers in women and men.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend HPV shots for girls and boys at age 11 or 12, before they have ever had sex. Three doses are generally recommended over six months.

Some parents have raised concerns that the shots "are a license to have sex," but the study bolsters evidence against that concern, said Dr. Elizabeth Alderman, an adolescent medicine specialist at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York City. She was not involved in the study.

Sugary Beverages Banned By New York City's Board of Health – KO, PEP, MCD



A ban on sugary beverages up to a certain limit is being announced by New York City's Board of Health, but the American Beverage Association filed a suit against New York City's Board of Health under the terms that it

did not have the authority to approve a ban on certain sales of sugar-sweetened beverages larger than 16 ounces, according to a lawsuit filed Friday.

A group of business owners and workers that are directly associated with the business of beverages, other business and trade associations, stated in their filed suit on Friday that the city's unelected Board of Health violated its power when it voted for the ban to be implemented.

The Board of Health of New York was not immediately available for comment Friday but the reasons behind the ban on sales of beverages was their effects on health

and it was approved last month. It would outlaw drinks larger than 16 ounces at restaurants and food carts but it would not apply to grocery stores. It is scheduled to go into effect in March.

Critics from PepsiCo, Inc. (NYSE:PEP), Coca-Cola Company (NYSE:KO) and McDonald's Corporation (NYSE:MCD) have also attacked this ban as a widely misguided step, but Mayor Michael Bloomberg has billed it as both a health and fiscal initiative to avoid many health problems. New York City spends almost \$4 billion on medical care for overweight people each year and this cost can be cut by these measures.



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Space shuttle finally reaches LA retirement home



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The US space shuttle Endeavour finally reached its California retirement home Sunday, after taking three days instead of two for its last-ever journey -- 12 miles (19 kilometers) across Los Angeles.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa hailed the "mother of all parades" which saw more than a million Angelenos cheer the vast white spacecraft through LA's streets, at the slower than jet-propelled speed of less than 1 mile per hour.

The Endeavour had been due to arrive at the California Science Center early Saturday evening, but was repeat-

edly delayed as organizers had to squeeze it past buildings, power lines and trees, sometimes with only inches to spare.

It eventually arrived lunchtime Sunday.

The orbiter -- which zoomed at 17,500 miles per hour when in Earth's orbit -- arrived in Los Angeles last month, piggybacking on top of a 747. It was stored in a hangar at LA international (LAX) airport until early Friday.

The first 24 hours of its trip went off relatively smoothly, in a party-like atmosphere, and organizers at one point even forecast that it

would reach its destination ahead of time.

But things started going wrong Saturday afternoon as the enormous 78-ton vehicle, mounted on a huge, computerized, multi-part transporter, began negotiating some of the narrowest stretches of its route during the day.

Some 400 trees had to be cut down -- initially provoking protests from locals, placated by officials' vows to plant several new saplings for every tree felled -- and several more were trimmed at the last minute.

On the final straight it was brought to a halt several times, as the spacecraft's wing-tips brushed inches away from apartment buildings, electricity poles and other obstructions.

Former shuttle commander Mark Kelly, who captained Endeavour's final flight, said he hoped the craft -- which flew more than 115 million miles in its two-decade career -- would inspire future generations of astronauts.

More than three million Austrians tuned in live to Austrian space jumper

VIENNA (AFP) - More than three million television and internet viewers in Austria tuned in live to watch Austrian Felix Baumgartner jump from the edge of space on Sunday and become the first man to break the sound barrier unaided by a vehicle.

National broadcaster ORF recorded some 2.3 million television viewers during the nine minutes that 43-year-old Baumgartner plummeted to the earth from 39 kilometres (24 miles) above New Mexico, the highest freefall jump ever made.

Madagascar lemurs top endangered primates list



HYDERABAD, India (AFP) - In the hit cartoon film "Madagascar", the island's lemurs are a lovable bunch of extroverts, but they are also among the world's most threatened primates, conservationists warned on Monday.

A report released at the UN's Convention on Biological Diversity meeting in the Indian city of Hyderabad said lemurs in Madagascar, off the east coast of Africa, are severely endangered due to habitat destruction and illegal hunting.

"Primates in Peril" named the world's 25 most threatened primates, saying six of them were from Madagascar, five from Vietnam, three from Indonesia and two from Brazil.

"This report shows that the world's primates are under increasing threat from human activities," said Christoph Schmitz, head of research at the Bristol Conservation and Science Foundation (BCSF).

"Whilst we haven't lost any primate species yet during this century, some of them are in very dire straits."

"The lemurs are now one of the world's most endangered groups of mammals, after more than three years of political crisis and a lack of effective enforcement in their home country, Madagascar."

The report, drawn up by the BCSF, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other experts, said primates were under pressure from destruction of forests, illegal wildlife trade and bushmeat hunting.

Madagascar's rarest lemur, the northern sportive lemur (*Lepilemur septentrionalis*), is now down to just 19 animals in the wild.

The country's government was overthrown in a coup in 2009, and the United States has denounced its failure to protect the furry lemurs, which gained fans worldwide through DreamWorks Animation's "Madagascar" movie series.

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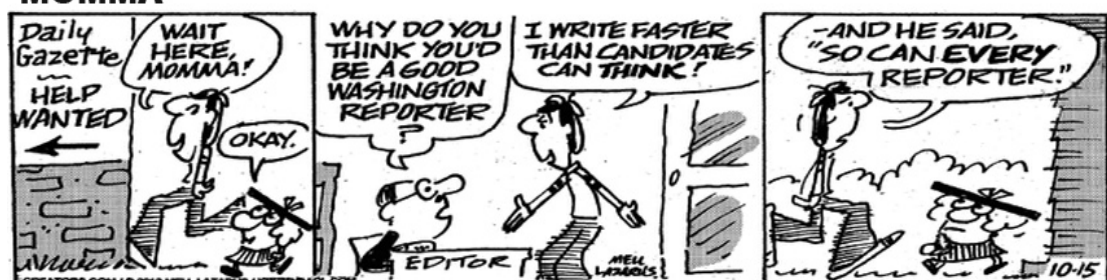
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16. Outstanding people
17. Beast's abode
18. Dennis the Menace's girlfriend
19. Singer Braxton or Tennille
20. Venomous snake
22. Desalinization byproducts
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25. Satisfy

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27. Incensed
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33. Needing assurance
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36. Milkweed's seed
37. Keep the turkey moist
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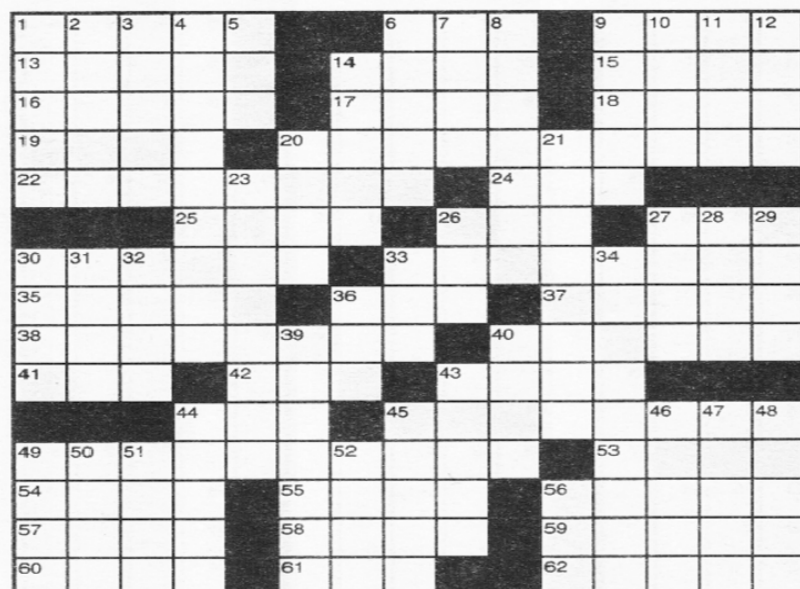
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4. Submarine gear
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27. Civet's secretion
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30. Utah athletes
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32. Humble dwellings
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40. One of Henry VIII's Catherines
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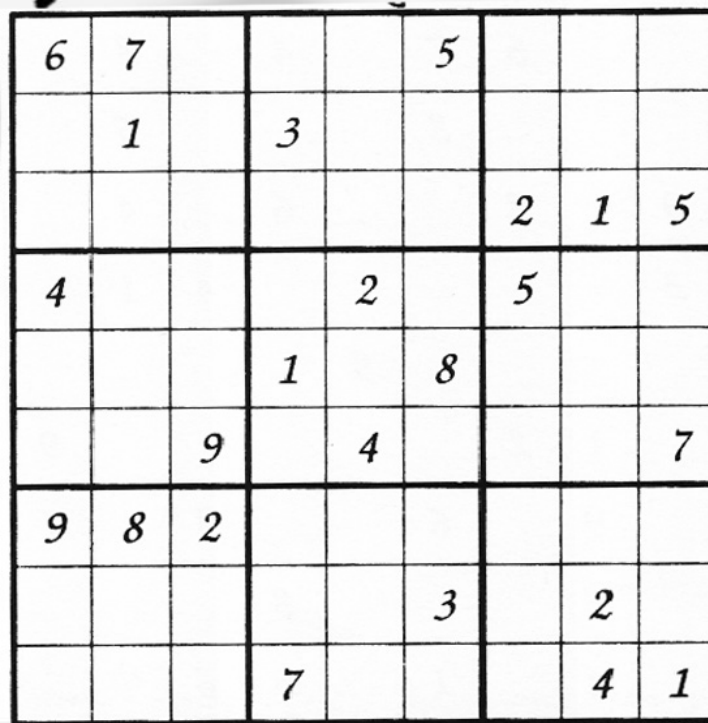
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Finance

Debt crisis dominates Asia-Europe finance talks

BANGKOK (AFP) - Finance officials from Asia and Europe expressed fears yesterday of further turmoil in world markets but said the eurozone was set for a gradual recovery from its debt crisis.

The talks in Bangkok follow signs that Asia -- for years seen as a bright spot in a gloomy world economy -- is increasingly feeling the strain from Europe's financial turbulence.

"Acknowledging the mutual interdependence of their economies, ministers expressed their concerns over the risks created by volatile financial and commodity markets that would potentially impact both Asia and Europe," according to a statement issued by host Thailand after the talks.

"Global growth has decelerated with substantial remaining uncertainties and downside risks," it said.

But officials also "expect that the European economy will gradually recover from the current crisis and welcomed the actions taken to address this crisis that will

also mitigate its impact on the rest of the world," it added.

With Europe gearing up for a crunch summit on Thursday, many countries sent vice finance ministers to attend the two-yearly meeting in Bangkok, which sets the scene for an Asia-Europe (ASEM) summit in Laos next month.

EU economics chief Olli Rehn struck an optimistic tone, saying Europe had developed an "effective and flexible toolbox" to tackle the debt crisis.

"Concerning the European economic situation, I am today less pessimistic than, say, during the spring," he told reporters.


"We are working on several fronts to advance decisive policy action," he said, crediting a "wave of reforms" in EU member states to shore up their public finances and promote economic growth.

"We have an effective and flexible toolbox for short-term stabilisation at our disposal," he added.

Rehn cited the entry into force of the European Stability Mechanism, a 500-billion-

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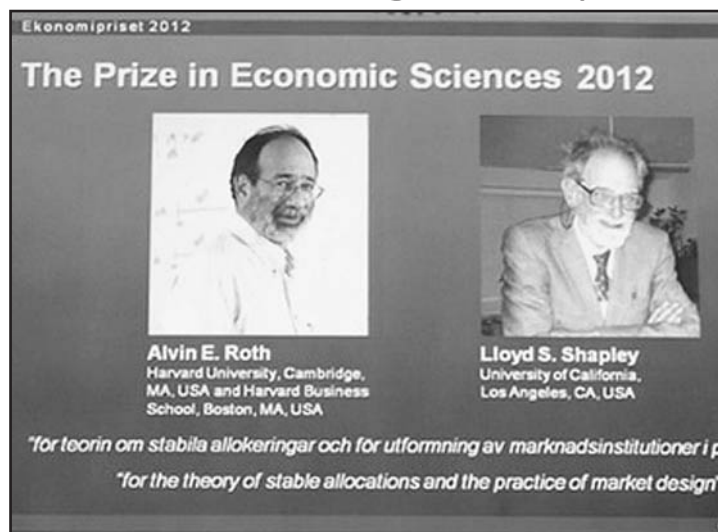


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US duo Roth, Shapley win Nobel Economics Prize for match-making theory



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Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA and Harvard Business School, Boston, MA, USA

Lloyd S. Shapley
University of California, Los Angeles, CA, USA

"for teorin om stabila allokeringar och för utformning av marknadsinstitutioner i pr"

"for the theory of stable allocations and the practice of market design"

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - US scholars Alvin Roth and Lloyd Shapley won the Nobel Economics Prize yesterday for their work on how to best match supply and demand that has potential applications in organ donation, education and on the Internet.

The two were honoured for "the theory of stable allocations and the practice of market design," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

The work can be used to help match donors of human organs with patients in need of a transplant, or students with universities, or Internet search engines that auction space for advertisers.

Roth, 60, is a professor at Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts, while Shapley, 89, is a professor emeritus at the University of California.

Roth told public broadcaster Swedish Television he was surprised to win the award.

"No it wasn't expected. But it is certainly expected that Lloyd Shapley won the prize ... I'm glad to share it with him," he said.

Roth said he was happy that

the prize would "shine a very bright spotlight on the work" he and Shapley had done in market design, which Roth described as "a newish area of economics."

The professor then quipped: "When I go to class this morning my students will pay more attention."

Shapley's age was mentioned in economic circles yesterday as a factor that may have been in his favour this year, even though his field of research isn't one that hits the headlines very often.

In choosing market design theory for this year's prize, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences avoided wading into a heated macroeconomic debate over fiscal policy, austerity measures and stimulus packages.

"We neither try to pick topics that are the subject of much debate, nor do we try to avoid them," Per Krusell, chairman of this year's Economic Sciences Prize Committee, told AFP.

"This year's prize just happens to ... not have any connection whatsoever, that I can see, to the financial crisis."



NEW YORK -- Brazil may not be growing the way it once was, but there are still opportunities to be had in Latin America's largest economy. After a commodities-driven boom during the past decade, Brazil's economy slowed substantially last year as global demand for raw materials waned. The Brazilian economy is expected to grow just 1.5% this year, according to a recent forecast by the International Monetary Fund. That's down from a blistering 7.5% in 2010. (AFP)

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

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Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses range from \$14 for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to \$18 for shrimp and \$20 for a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin range from \$12 to \$16, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

Russell Crowe splits from wife: report

SYDNEY (AFP) - Hollywood star Russell Crowe and his wife Danielle Spencer have split up, a report said on Monday, with speculation that the Oscar-winning actor could face a US\$25 million settlement.

The couple have separated amicably after nine years of marriage, the Sydney Morning Herald said, with both determined to protect their two children, aged eight and six, from any publicity.

No comment has been made by Crowe, 48, or his Australian wife, 43.

Rumours that their relationship was in trouble surfaced in June this year when photos appeared showing Spencer on a night out with her "Dancing With The Stars" partner Damian Whitewood.



The pictures reportedly showed Spencer and Whitewood with their arms wrapped around each other in Sydney.

According to the Herald, Crowe is in the United States filming the biblical epic "Noah", while Spencer remains in Sydney with their two sons.

Other reports said the demands of Crowe's acting career may have been a factor in the split, with the star away for much of the past year filming "Man with the Iron Fist", "Les Misérables", "Broken City", "Man of Steel" and "Noah".

The pair first met 22 years ago on the set of the film "The Crossing". They broke up and Crowe headed overseas to find work where he had a well-publicised affair with US actress Meg Ryan.

But he returned to Australia and proposed to Spencer, a singer, in 2002.



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Rolling Stones announce 50th anniversary gigs in Britain, US



LONDON (AFP) - The Rolling Stones will rock the stage once again with four gigs in Britain and the United States to mark their 50th anniversary, the legendary British band confirmed Monday.

In a video released on the Stones' website and their Facebook page, frontman Mick Jagger, 69, and his three bandmates announced four dates in London and New Jersey, confirming widespread rumours of fresh live concerts.

Jagger, who had dropped hints in recent months that the band would tour again, told BBC radio that the four dates would be followed by a longer string of concerts, yet to be announced.

"You must have guessed this was coming. Surely you didn't think we weren't going to do this," the ageing rockers said in a two-minute video filled with clips from old shows, which received more than 10,000 "likes" on Facebook.

"Soon we'll be back on stage playing for you in two cities that know how to rock and roll."

The band play their hometown London at the O2 Arena on November 25 and 29, followed by two nights at the Newark Prudential Center in

New Jersey, just outside New York, on December 13 and 15.

The shows will be the first live performances by Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood for five years.

"I've always said the best place for rock and roll is on the stage and the same is true for the Stones," said Richards.

Tickets for the upcoming shows go on pre-sale for the London gigs on Monday and Saturday for the US shows.

But fans will have to dig deep for the coveted tickets, with standard seats for the London shows costing £375 (\$603, 465 euros), although some will be priced at £90.

The four band members have a combined age of 273 years and many fans will see the tour as a possible last chance to see them play live.

The Stones are also set to release a repackaged greatest hits collection called "GRRR!" on November 12, featuring two new songs -- "Doom And Gloom" and "One More Shot".

"Crossfire Hurricane", a documentary tracing the band's half-century of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, premieres at the London Film Festival on Thursday.

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A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

SPORTS

Fire Prevention Week ends with the 29th Annual Brandweer 10k/5k run/walk



Aruba's fire department, the Brandweer, ended a week of activities to promote fire prevention awareness with their traditional 10k/5k run/walk on Sunday evening, beginning at 5PM from their Tanki Flip station.

Over 300 runners and walk-

ers persevered despite unusually high temperatures, humidity and little breeze to cross the line in anywhere from 35 minutes for 1hr and 35 for the very last 10k walker to cross the finish line. Fire Chief Edward de Cuba had the honor of handing out the prizes.

Fastest time of 35:46 was held by veteran winner and 10k runner Ronald Staring, who took the top trophy for first male runner across the line. Jennelaine Vrolijk, with a time of 44:46 claimed the women's trophy for the best time. The two were awarded weekend stays at The Mill and Brickell Bay Resorts.

Overall second best time was 38:50, from Alrice Kock, who took

the first place title in the Over 30 Runners Category. Third overall best time was Jose-Alberto Maduro at 39:01, who took second to Ronald Staring in the Male over 20 category.

Medals were awarded in various age categories for the 5K and 10K runners male and female; with trophies awarded for special categories. Under 17 male and female, 5K runners were recognized. First place Female winner was Candace Croes, only 13 years old,

and Male first place was Gabriel Thielman, 14 years of age. Harold Baptist won the 5K over 35 Brandweer challenge and Rodney de Cuba won the 5K under 35.

In the 10K runners categories female, first place winners were Tracy Nicolaas for 20+, Mileydys Verdecia for 30+, Esmeralda Hendricks for 40+. Jean Andrew Final took first place in the under 20 10 runners. Arnold Brouwer was first place in 40+. Albertino Maduro won the 50+ and Mario Maduro was first in the 60+ category.

Despite the grueling conditions, runners were in high spirits as the popular annual event marked the close of Fire Prevention Week 2012.

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WC do or die for US

KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AFP) - A struggling United States team is among eight sides scrambling to avoid elimination in today's last North American semi-final round of 2014 World Cup qualifying matches.

Unbeaten Mexico has already secured one of six available berths for the 2013 Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) finals. Winless Cuba, Guyana and Antigua and Barbuda cannot advance.

A tension-packed last matchday will see the US host Guatemala, Canada visit Honduras, Jamaica host Antigua and Barbuda, Mexico entertain El Salvador, Guyana visit Costa Rica and Panama travel to Cuba.

Ten years after reaching the World Cup quarter-finals, and

15 months after German star Jurgen Klinsmann took over as US coach, the Americans must at least draw 81st-ranked Guatemala at Kansas City or risk being ousted.

Guatemala and the US are deadlocked atop qualifying Group A at 3-1-1 for 10 points with eight goals for each and five goals against each with Jamaica third on seven points with five goals scored and as many against.

A US-Guatemala draw advances both teams no matter how the "Reggae Boyz" fare against winless Antigua. A US-Guatemala loser would be vulnerable to being overtaken by Jamaica on goal difference.

In Group B, Costa Rica can join Mexico in advancing with a home victory over already-eliminated Guyana while El Salvador must upset the host Mexicans to have any chance to advance.

Group C has Panama atop Canada on goal difference, both at 3-1-1 for 10 points with Honduras third on eight points after two wins and two draws from five matches.

Honduras must defeat the visiting Canadians to have any chance of advancing while a draw would send Canada through. Panama, all-but assured of a spot, need only draw at goal-less Cuba to secure advancement.

Defence not the solution for Deschamps

MADRID (AFP) - France will not sit back and defend against world and European champions Spain in their 2014 World Cup qualifier today, coach Didier Deschamps said on the eve of the game.

Deschamps, who turned 44 on Monday, added it would be fatal to sit back and allow Spain to come at them as had happened in the 2-0 defeat in the Euro 2012 quarter-final when his fellow World Cup winning teammate Laurent Blanc was in charge.

Falcons stay unbeaten while Seahawks beat Patriots

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Matt Bryant's 55-yard field goal with one second to play on Sunday lifted the Atlanta Falcons to a 23-20 victory over Oakland and their first 6-0 National Football League start in team history.

Quarterback Matt Ryan completed five-of-six passes for 43 yards on the game-winning drive for the Falcons, who are the only remaining unbeaten team in the league after Houston lost 42-24 to Green Bay in the night game Sunday.

Ryan finished the game with 249 yards through the air and a touchdown on 24-of-37 passing. He also had to shake off three first-half interceptions.

"It's about handling the moment," Bryant said of the game-winning kick. "Handling adversity, whatever it takes."

Roddy White made a half-dozen catches for 72 yards and a touchdown while Julio Jones caught four passes for 63 yards in the triumph.



Roddy White #84 of the Falcons celebrates with Harry Douglas #83 after making a catch for a touchdown against the Raiders

Oakland quarterback Carson Palmer was 23-of-33 for 353 yards with a touchdown and an interception. The Raiders have now lost two in a row on the heels of a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers last month.

Russell Wilson threw for a career-best 293 yards and fired the game-winning touchdown to Sidney Rice with just over one minute remaining as the Seattle Seahawks edged the New England Patriots 24-23.

Wilson completed 16-of-27 passes and had three touchdowns for the Seahawks, who defeated the Patriots for the first time since 1993.

Rice finished with 81 yards on three receptions while Marshawn Lynch was held to

41 yards on 15 carries as Seattle pulled into a three-way tie atop the NFC West standings after wins by San Francisco and Arizona.

Tom Brady threw a career-high 58 times, completing 36 passes for 395 total yards. He also had a pair of touchdowns and two interceptions for New England, which saw a modest two-game win streak snapped.

The Patriots' Wes Welker led all receivers with 138 yards and a touchdown on 10 catches while Aaron Hernandez also caught a touchdown pass.

In San Francisco, Antrel Rolle intercepted two passes and Prince Amukamara added another as the New York Giants' routed San Francisco 26-3 in a rematch of last season's NFC championship game.

Ahmad Bradshaw ran for 116 yards and a score on 27 carries for the Giants, whose 20-17 over-time victory in last season's conference final helped propel them to their second Super Bowl title in five seasons.

It was the first 100-plus yard rushing performance allowed by the 49ers defense in 23 games.

Eli Manning was 15-of-28 for 193 yards and a touchdown for the Giants.

In other games, Tampa Bay defeated Kansas City 38-10, the New York Jets downed Indianapolis 35-9, Cleveland beat Cincinnati 34-24, Miami edged St. Louis 17-14, Baltimore downed Dallas 31-29, Washington thumped Minnesota 38-26, Detroit outlasted Philadelphia 26-23 in over-time and Buffalo beat Arizona 19-16 in over-time.

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American League

NY Yankees vs. Detroit Tigers

GM 1 - OCT-13 - Detroit 6, NY Yankees 4

GM 2 - OCT-14 - Detroit 3, NY Yankees 0

(Tigers lead 2-0)

GM 3 - OCT-16 - NY @ DET

GM 4 - OCT-17 - NY @ DET

* GM 5 - OCT-18- NY@ DET

* GM 6 - OCT-20 - DET @ NY

* GM 7-OCT 21- DET @ NY

National League

SF Giants vs. St. Louis Cards

GM 1 - OCT-14 - St. Louis 6, San Francisco 4

(Cardinals lead 1-0)

GM 2 - OCT-15 - St. Louis @ San. Fran.

GM 3 - OCT-17 - San francisco @ St. Louis

GM 4 - OCT-18 - San francisco @ St. Louis

* GM 5 - OCT -19- San francisco @ St. Louis

* GM 6 - OCT-21 - St. Louis @ San. Fran

* GM 7-OCT 22- St. Louis @ San. Fran

(Series best of seven)

* if necessary

Cardinals dump Giants in series opener



David Freese of the Cardinals hits a home run in the second inning

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Carlos Beltran and David Freese each hit two-run home runs and reigning World Series champion St. Louis defeated San Francisco 6-4 on Sunday to win a Major League Baseball playoff series opener.

The best-of-seven National League Championship Series' winner will face either the New York Yankees or Detroit Tigers for the World Series championship.

Freese blasted his homer in the second inning to give the Cardinals a 2-0 edge and Beltran, a Puerto Rican slugger who played for the Giants last year, capped a four-run fourth that gave St. Louis a 6-0 lead.

"I feel like I'm seeing the

ball well," Beltran said. "My approach at the plate is really good. It was a good day for me. It's good for us to get the first game of the series."

Pete Kozma smacked a run-scoring double in the fourth, stole third base and crossed the plate himself on a Jon Jay single to add to the Cardinals' scoring surge and send San Francisco starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner to the showers.

But the Giants responded with a four-run fourth inning of their own to pull within 6-4.

Brandon Belt's two-out single drove in the first San Francisco run and Gregor Blanco followed with a two-run triple to centerfield and scored on Brandon Crawford's double to right.

The teams' relief pitchers combined to allow only one hit after the fourth inning until the bottom of the ninth, when the Giants had their last chance to escape defeat.

Angel Pagan smacked a two-out single into right field, bringing San Francisco's hottest hitter, Marco Scutaro, to the plate. But Scutaro grounded out to end the game.

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Tigers blank Yankees to stretch series lead

NEW YORK (AFP) - Venezuelan right-hander Anibal Sanchez hurled seven shutout innings and the Detroit Tigers defeated the New York Yankees 3-0 on Sunday to seize command of their Major League Baseball playoff series.

The Tigers lead 2-0 in the best-of-seven American League Championship Series that shifts to Detroit for game three today.

Sanchez surrendered only three hits while walking three and striking out seven to baffled a struggling Yankees lineup that was without captain Derek Jeter, the star shortstop who broke his left ankle in a game one loss Saturday.

"I took it inning by inning, hitter by hitter. I feel good," Sanchez said. "The team helped me. It was a good game for me and for the team. We need to keep winning. The Yankees are a good team. We can't give them anything."

The game turned on a botched pickoff call by second base umpire Jeff Nelson that allowed the Tigers to stretch a one-run lead to 3-0 in the eighth inning.

Omar Infante singled and took second on an Austin Jackson single, but only after overrunning the base and div-



Detroit's Anibal Sanchez celebrate

ing to get back. New York Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano tagged him before he reached the base but Nelson ruled Infante safe, denying the Yankees an inning-ending out.

Instead, Infante scored on a single by pinch-hitter Avisail Garcia and Miguel Cabrera singled to send in Jackson, padding Detroit's advantage.

Video replays showed Infante should have been called out and Nelson ejected Yankees manager Joe Girardi on the bench boss' 48th birthday for his vehement arguing of the errant decision.

After the game, Girardi made a plea for the expansion of limited video replay options in Major League Baseball.

"It's frustrating," Girardi said. "I don't have a problem with Jeff's effort because he hustled to get to the play. But in this day and age when we have instant replay available to us, it has got to change."

The Tigers will start ace pitcher Jason Verlander on Tuesday. The 29-year-old US right-hander went 17-8 with a 2.64 earned-run average (ERA) and 239 strikeouts this season and in the playoffs is 2-0 with a 0.56 ERA.

"Verlander is going to pitch well. Hopefully we can give a lot of support," Cabrera said. "We have to go out there and play hard."

Detroit's starting pitchers have not allowed an earned run in the past 29 2/3 innings, two outs shy of matching a major league playoff record.

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